

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day yesterday; it was great to see the children dressed up and enjoying their book based activities. All children were given their World Book Day book to take home, I hope you enjoyed sharing them together.

### **Dojo**

To further improve our communications, we have made some changes to Class Dojo. If your child is ill, you will be able to send a message to the office via Class Dojo. If the office staff need to follow this up, they will contact you in the usual way as they will not be replying to Dojo messages. The office staff will also be sharing newsletters and other information on Class Dojo. I hope this makes communication easier for everyone.

### **Comic Relief and Science Day**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will once again be supporting Comic Relief. It will be a non-uniform day and we would like children to wear something red, in exchange for a small donation to this worthy charity.

It is also our whole school science day so children will be taking part in lots of amazing activities throughout the day.

### **Mornings**

We have noticed that a number of children are arriving very early in the mornings and coming onto the playground. I would like to remind everyone that children should not arrive at school until 8.30am, at the very earliest. There is nobody available to supervise children arriving early as a member of staff is not on duty until 8.30am.

If you require childcare in the mornings, please enquire at the office about breakfast club.

### **Mrs Acton Wilson**

I am delighted to welcome back Mrs Acton-Wilson to our Academy. She will be working with our Year 5 and 6 Team until SATs, teaching our Year 5 children from Ash and Hazel for part of the week and supporting Year 6 in preparation for SATs.

### **Easter Celebration Day**

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the final day of this term, we will be holding an Easter Celebration Day. Children will be taking part in Easter themed activities and we are also encouraging all children to enter our competitions and try to win an Easter egg. There will be two competitions per class; an Easter Bonnet competition and a decorate an egg competition. Children will need to make their entries at home and bring them into school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March or Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Prizes will be presented on the last day.

### **Industrial Action**

You may be aware that the NEU (National Education Union) have called on their members to take part in national industrial action. Current indications are that our Academy will not need to close or partially close on any of the dates proposed for strike action and we should remain fully open throughout this period. If circumstances change, I will inform everyone as soon as possible.



**Diary Dates**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening (please book online)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Y3/4 Visit to Southwell Minster for Time Travelling

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Y5/6 Viking Workshops (in school)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Science Day (in school)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Y3/4 Walk to the Mining Statue

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Easter Celebration Day (in school)

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – The Academy closes for the Easter break

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Marples.  
Principal.